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Shore CSAFE Offices Tip-Off Second Annual MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament in Easton on January 21

TOWSON, MD (January 17, 2008)---The Easton and Cambridge CSAFE offices will hold their second annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament for youth on Monday, January 21 at Easton Middle School. The daylong event features children ages 9-14 from Easton and Cambridge.

CSAFE, which stands for Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement, is a partnership between the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, and local law enforcement. Its efforts are largely funded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. CSAFE works in at-risk communities to strengthen youth crime prevention efforts and reduce recidivism among repeat violent offenders.

Parole and Probation's Easton Field Supervisor Corey Pack came up with the idea of a basketball tournament on Dr. King's birthday holiday last year. The games were a huge success. Each participant received a shirt and Dr. King medallion.

This year, the theme is "Starting Healthy and Staying Healthy All Year." Only healthy foods will be served at the concession stand, and children's health information will be prominently featured. With juvenile diabetes and childhood obesity such major issues, CSAFE's Pack and his colleagues felt compelled to add health information to the crime prevention focus at this year's tourney.

The Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) is proud of its agents, who work in more than 40 field offices across the state, from Ocean City to Oakland. They supervise more than 66,000 people statewide.

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